



## Mimi Denisi

Actress, Author, Greece

MIMI DENISSI is a prominent force in the Greek theatre. She is one of the most celebrated actresses in Greek as well as the most acclaimed translator of her generation, a major producer and director, and the author of five extraordinarily popular historical dramas: "Theodora Saint of the Paupers" "I Laskarina" (Bouboulina), "Penelope meets Maga" (Penelope Delta), "Smyrna my beloved" and "From Smyrna... to Salonika" each played many sold-out seasons throughout the land and received various awards. She has starred in more than 50 international plays.

She has been artistic director and producer for "Athina", "Vretannia", "Acropol". In 1999 the "Ilisia" Theatre was named after her Ilissia – Denissi and she directed its two stages for 12 years. As a producer, she has worked with some of the top European directors, designers and musical directors. She has also hosted great international artists that presented their work in her theatre (Peter Brook, Michel Piccoli, Peter Stein, Olympia Dukakis, Patrice Chereau, Tim Robbins e.t.c) Since 2014 she is presenting her plays at the Foundation of the Hellenic World. Mimi Denissi has also starred in over twenty-five television series and her own talk shows on television, interviewing her guests in four languages. She has created her own Drama School "Central Stage". Some of the best-known Greek actors, directors, designers, international artists, have taught in the school.

She is dedicated to both exploring the riches of her Nation's theatrical heritage and at the same time expanding its horizons as part of a wider international artistic community. She has received many awards from Greek and International Organizations. In 2009 she received one of the highest honors for a European artist, she was named Dame Chevalier by the French government and received the Legion d' Honneur Medal for her career. In 2018she became President of the Ecumenical Hellenism Foundation. She is currently working on an international movie based on her play "Smyrna my beloved" for 100th anniversary of the Smyrna catastrophe.

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